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WHEREAS, the undersigned, believing that the development of the resources of Philadelphia and of Pennsylvania, as embraced in Commercial, Manufacturing, Mechanical, Agricultural and other industrial pursuits in this City and County, as well as of the State at large, would be essentially promoted by the formation of a Society for the purpose of collecting and imparting information relative to the extent, amount and value of the operations and products of these several pursuits and branches of domestic industry:—They have therefore associated together, under the name of the “*Statistical Society of Pennsylvania*,” and pledge themselves to aid the Society, by individual and collective exertion, in obtaining and communicating to it, useful and reliable facts and statistics, concerning the above mentioned subjects, in order that they may be more generally disseminated for public information than has hitherto been accom-

plished. For the government and regulation of the said Society, they have adopted the following

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. *Officers.*

The officers of the Society shall be a *President*, two *Vice Presidents*, a *Treasurer*, a *Secretary* and a *Board of Council*; all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot, at the first stated meeting in January; and who shall serve for one year, and until others shall have been elected to supply their places.

ARTICLE II. *Duties.*

The President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Secretary shall perform the usual duties incident to their respective offices, and shall be *ex-officio*, members of the Board of Council.

ARTICLE III. *Board of Council.*

The Board of Council shall have the management of the affairs of the Society, and shall consist of thirty members, in addition to the above named officers, with power to fill any vacancy which may occur in their body. They shall hold stated meetings at least once in each month, for the transaction of business, and make quarterly reports of their proceedings to the Society, or oftener if required. They shall always have the con-

trol and disposition of the funds of the Society in the hands of the Treasurer; but they shall have no power or authority to enter into any contract whatever in behalf of the Society, nor are the members to be at any time accountable for any contract made by the Council or Society, beyond the amount of funds in the hands of the Treasurer. The Council shall have power to make any By-laws for their own government, not inconsistent with the Constitution, and may propose to the Society, for its government, such other By-laws as they may deem expedient.

ARTICLE IV. *Meetings.*

The Society shall meet on the first Thursday in the months of January, April, July and October. The President, or in case of his absence or refusal, either of the Vice Presidents, shall call a special meeting whenever requested by ten members in writing. At each stated meeting of the Society, the Treasurer shall make report concerning its finances, receipts and expenditures. At any meeting of the Society, of the Board of Council, or of a Committee, the members present shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE V. *Membership.*

Nominations for membership in this Society may be made by a member at any meeting of the Society or of the Board of Council, and three fourths of the votes of members present shall be required for election. A pay-

ment of *ten* dollars, in advance, shall entitle any person elected, to the privileges of a *member for life*. The Society or Council may elect as Honorary or Corresponding members, persons residing out of Philadelphia County, who shall not be subject to the payments required from other members.

ARTICLE VI. *Contributions.*

An annual contribution of *two dollars* shall become due and payable from each member, (except life members,) in advance, on the first day of January; and any member who shall neglect or refuse to pay the said contribution for one year, shall not be permitted to vote at meetings of the Society or Council; and should payment not be made within two years, the right of such delinquent to membership in the Society may be declared as forfeited. Persons who may become members before the first of September, shall make the annual payment for the current year; but those who may be elected after that time shall only be required to pay the sum of *one dollar* for that year.

ARTICLE VII. *Amendments.*

Amendments to this Constitution must be proposed at a stated or special meeting of the Society, and held for consideration until a subsequent meeting, when they may be acted upon, and if approved by two-thirds of the members present, shall be adopted.

STATISTICAL SOCIETY.

BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL.

ARTICLE I.

The President of the Society shall be Chairman of the Board of Council, and in his absence one of the Vice Presidents shall preside; but if neither of them be present the Board may appoint one of its members as Chairman for the time being. The duty of the Chairman shall be to preside at all meetings of the Board; to decide questions of order; to state all motions or propositions offered for consideration; to put questions on their adoption and decide according to the votes given, and when a tie occurs, to give the casting vote; to nominate all special committees and to call all special meetings of the Board.

ARTICLE II.

The Secretary of the Society shall be Secretary of the Board of Council, and shall keep correct minutes of their proceedings in a separate book provided for that purpose. He shall call meetings at the direction of the

President ; notify members of the time and place thereof ; act as secretary to all standing committees, being considered as a member of each of them *ex-officio*, and keep a record of their proceedings, subject to the inspection of any member of the Board of Council. He shall have the general care of arranging, condensing, systematizing or placing in tabular form such statistical facts or information as may from time to time be collected by himself or reported by the several committees or members, and cause the same to be published in such manner and at such time as shall be directed by the Committee on Publications. He shall keep the accounts of the Society ; receive proposals for membership, and contributions from members or others for the use of the Society ; make report to the Board of Council monthly, or oftener if required, of contributions of any and every kind received by him during the month ; and pay over to the Treasurer, at least once in each month, all monies which he may have received for the use of the Society. It shall also be his duty to preserve and have the care of all books, documents and other property and effects belonging to the Society, of which he shall keep a correct catalogue or inventory, and deliver to his successor in office all such property and effects belonging to the Society, as may be in his possession at the expiration of the term for which he was elected. In addition to the duties above prescribed, he shall perform such others as may devolve upon him as the active agent of the Society in attending to its concerns, administering its affairs, and promoting

and carrying into effect the general purposes of its organization, and shall receive for his services such compensation as shall from time to time be determined by the Council.

ARTICLE III.

The Chairman of the Board of Council shall, with the concurrence of the Board, at the first stated meeting in February of each and every year, appoint the following standing Committees :

1. A Committee of Ways and Means, to consist of *three* members.
2. A Committee of Publication, to consist of *three* members.
3. A Committee on Commerce, to consist of *seven* members.
4. A Committee on Manufactures, to consist of *seven* members.
5. A Committee on Agricultural Products, to consist of *five* members.
6. A Committee on Real Estate and Historical Facts and Incidents, to consist of *five* members.
7. A Committee on Literary and Professional Statistics, to consist of *five* members.

ARTICLE IV.

The Committee of Ways and Means shall consider and report to the Board of Council, such plans as they may deem necessary or expedient for providing the re-

quisite funds to sustain the operations of the Society and to carry into effect the objects for which it was established. General plans and arrangements for collecting information may also be referred to this committee, who shall report concerning them to the Board of Council.

ARTICLE V.

To the Committee on Publication shall be referred all matter proposed to be published by authority of the Statistical Society, for their inspection and revision. Communications which may be received from other societies, and which require particular attention, shall also be referred to this committee. It shall be a further duty of this committee to increase the means of usefulness of the Society, by reporting such suitable correspondents as they may deem likely to afford useful information with regard to its objects.

ARTICLE VI.

To the Committee on Commerce shall be referred all statistics relative to Commercial, Financial and Mercantile affairs; and it shall be their duty to collect statistical facts concerning Trade and Commerce.

ARTICLE VII.

To the Committee on Manufactures shall be referred all statistics relative to manufactures; and it shall be their duty to collect statistical information concerning manufactured articles.

ARTICLE VIII.

To the Committee on Agricultural Products shall be referred all statistics relative to the productions of the soil ; and it shall be their duty to obtain statistics of the amount and value of the agricultural products of Pennsylvania.

ARTICLE IX.

To the Committee on Real Estate and Historical Facts and Incidents, shall be referred all statistics concerning the number, uses and value of all Public Buildings, Squares, Bridges, Railways and other improvements ; and also the number, uses and value of Buildings erected by Religious, Charitable, Scientific, Literary and other Societies ; and also the number of new buildings erected in each year : And it shall be their duty to collect and report information on all these subjects.

ARTICLE X.

To the Committee on Literary and Professional Statistics shall be referred all statistics relating to Literary or Professional pursuits ; and it shall be their duty to collect information concerning Libraries, Hospitals, Literary, Scientific, Philosophical and Historical associations.

ARTICLE XI.

The Standing Committees may appoint assistant committees from the members of the Board of Council or of

the Society, for the purpose of aiding them in the collection of statistical information;—which assistant committees shall report to the committee by which they were respectively appointed.

ARTICLE XII.

All other Committees shall be appointed by the Chairman, with the concurrence of a majority of the Board of Council.

ARTICLE XIII.

Order of Business. The order of business at the stated meetings of the Board of Council shall be as follows :

1. Calling the roll of members.
2. Reading and adopting the minutes of the previous meeting.
3. Reports from Standing Committees.
4. Reports from Special Committees.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New propositions and miscellaneous business.

ARTICLE XIV.

Rules of Order. 1. All motions, resolutions or propositions offered for the consideration of the Board of Council, shall, if required, be presented in writing, with the name of the member offering it attached. 2. The name of the member who offers a motion or resolution shall, in all cases, be entered on the minutes. 3. The

yeas and *nays* may be called on any question at the request of three members, and shall be entered on the minutes. 4. Any motion or resolution upon a subject not pertaining to the objects of the Society may be declared out of order by the Chairman; and if an appeal be taken from his decision, it shall require the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present to sustain such decision.

ARTICLE XV.

Special meetings shall be called by the President or either of the Vice Presidents, on the written request of *five* members of the Board of Council.

ARTICLE XVI.

The hour of meeting for the Board of Council shall be 8 o'clock, P. M., in the months of April, May, June, July, August and September; and 7½ o'clock, P. M., in the months of October, November, December, January, February and March. Every member of the Board who shall not be present at the time of calling the roll, shall forfeit and pay to the Secretary, for the use of the Society, the sum of *ten cents*; and every member who shall be wholly absent from the meeting shall, in like manner, forfeit and pay the sum of *twenty cents*, for the same purpose. These fines shall only be remitted in case of sickness or absence from the city.

ARTICLE XVII.

Amendments or additions to these By-Laws must be proposed at a stated meeting of the Board of Council, and acted upon at the next; and no such proposed amendment or addition shall be adopted without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

EXTRACTS

*From a Report of the Board of Council to the Society,
December 30, 1846.*

“ A year has now elapsed since the organization of the *Statistical Society of Pennsylvania*,—an institution founded under circumstances which promised for it a course of active usefulness in a department of knowledge hitherto much neglected among us,—the general diffusion of information concerning the extent, amount, and value of the various productions and resources of the City and County of Philadelphia in particular, and of the State in general,—as connected with the arts, manufactures, commerce and agriculture.

“ The preliminary meetings were numerously attended by respectable and public-spirited citizens, most of whom manifested a lively interest in the subject, and gave reason to hope that their active exertions in promoting the objects of the Society, and their participation in the labour of collecting information would be zealously afforded. From this apparent disposition to sustain the Society, and promote its efficiency by aiding its practical operations, there was good ground for anticipating success, particularly when it was observed how large a number of the trades, professions, and various branches of business were represented in the Society by gentle-

men either actually engaged in, or nearly connected with them.”

The Constitution and by-laws first adopted for the government of the Society having been found defective, a committee was appointed by the Council for the purpose of introducing “such modification or re-organization as might produce a system of action better calculated to promote the original design of the association.”

“After mature consideration, that committee reported an amended Constitution, and a system of by-laws for the government of the Council, which, after some amendment were finally agreed to; and the Constitution was ordered to be reported to the Society, with a recommendation that it be adopted. At a stated meeting of the Society, held December 10th, 1846, the amended Constitution was read,—and at a special meeting on the 12th, was further considered, and unanimously adopted.”

“With regard to the future operations of the Society, it is believed that the effect of the modifications made in the Constitution and the by-laws of the Council, will be to produce a system of conducting business which will ensure the effective accomplishment of the original design. Upon the Secretary will hereafter devolve much of the labour, the care, and the responsibility of conducting the business and carrying out the plans and objects of the Association;—and if a person can be found to assume the duties of that office, who, by his intelligence, industry, activity and energy, is properly qualified to fulfil them,—with such aid as may be easily afforded by mem-

bers of the Council and of the Society,—results are anticipated which will be not only satisfactory and creditable to the Society ; but useful and instructive to the community, by imparting to them a system of information relative to the trades, productions, manufacturing, mechanical and other industrial pursuits within our City and County, as well as of the State at large, which cannot be acquired from other sources.

“ But this cannot be effected unless the proposed plan of operations is sustained by the Society. Most of the present members will, it is believed, freely contribute to its support, provided a fair prospect should be offered that the original design in establishing the institution can thereby be fully carried out ; and this can most assuredly be done if the plan now adopted be not suffered to languish and fail for want of sufficient encouragement and support. By proper exertion the number of members may be greatly increased ;—active and useful men would be thus added to the Society, while others would willingly aid its operations by contributing to its funds, though their pursuits might not allow them leisure to give much of their time or personal attention to the promotion of its objects.

“ Though the operations of the Society, owing to particular circumstances, have not been heretofore conducted as efficiently and extensively as was desirable ; yet much valuable information and many interesting statistical facts have been collected concerning the business and trade of Philadelphia. Among the prominent ob-

jects which have claimed attention from the Board of Council, may be mentioned, the quantity of iron received and manufactured;—the amount of coal received and consumed in the City and districts;—the quantity and value of produce and merchandize of various kinds sent from and received at Philadelphia; the amount of various branches of manufactures carried on in the City and its vicinity;—with numerous other subjects of enquiry connected with the productive and commercial interests of Philadelphia.

“Of all this it was intended to present a detailed and systematic statement for publication; but owing to the incomplete condition of several important items, and the expected receipt of additional interesting matter in a short time,—it has been deemed proper to delay such report and publication until more complete returns shall have been received. Many business statements and reports, which are usually made up at the close of the year, cannot be fully obtained and prepared until some time in January; and were we, at this time, to attempt a systematic report for the year 1846, it would necessarily be imperfect for the last month, and in some cases for the last quarter of that year.”

“In conclusion, the board of Council feel it their duty to recommend to the Society an ardent and active perseverance in the laudable object of our organization. Their observations and enquiries have strengthened them in the conviction that a period has arrived in the manufacturing, commercial, and other business relations

of Philadelphia, which is eminently favourable, and worthy of investigation with regard to the extent of the operations carried on in the various branches, in order that their importance and value to the community may be better known and more generally understood.

“But few of our own citizens, and much less those at a distance from us, are aware of the extent, amount, and importance of the productions, trade, and resources of Philadelphia. There is no one to tell us of this in detail; for a systematic enquiry and full developement of the operations in the various departments of business is a labour which no one has yet undertaken. While each is engaged in his own particular sphere, his attention is diverted from what is being done by others in their respective pursuits,—and the great aggregate of our productive industry is thus neglected and unknown.

“The present encouraging aspect of business in Philadelphia is rendered still brighter by the prospect of additional facilities of transportation and travel to and from the West, that mighty magazine of supply and demand. Our commerce has within a short time greatly increased, and is now more than sufficient for the employment of all our shipping,—its further increase being only limited by the want of vessels. This revival of maritime trade; the active employment of our manufacturers and mechanics;—the increasing number of new buildings erected;—with other cheering evidences of general prosperity,—all indicate that a new era is about to appear in the business of Philadelphia. At this auspicious period an

ample field is open for the labours of the Society,—worthy of its most industrious care. Let our association, then, endeavour by its exertions to aid the mechanical, manufacturing, commercial and other interests of the City and County, by properly developing and making known the extent and importance of our industrial operations and resources, the value of our commerce, and the sources of wealth and prosperity within our own borders. By thus carrying out the objects of their organization, the Society will promote the honour and welfare of Philadelphia ; and a steady perseverance in their design will ensure its accomplishment with credit to themselves and benefit to the community.”

OFFICERS OF THE STATISTICAL SOCIETY,
For 1847.

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